THE Excellency of MONARCHY: A PANEGYRICK,

Written *Anno* 1658. by a *Learned* and truly *Loyal* Gentleman, for *Information* of the miſerably miſled *Commonwealths-men* (falſly ſo called) of that *deceitful Age*; and *now reviv'd* by *a Friend* to the *Author*, and an *Honourer* of the *Eſtabliſh'd Government* of theſe *Nations*.

1.

IF wanting *wings* one may aſcend the *Skies*,
And *Phœbus* view, without an *Eagles* Eyes,
Then Rouze up (*Muſe*) from thy *Lethargick ſtrains*,
And (having firſt *invok'd* the *God* of Brains)
Let the grand *Subject* of thy *Meaſures* be,
No *Rule* to *England* like a *Monarchy*.

2.

It is the *Image* of that *Domination*,
By which *Jehova* rules the whole *Creation*:
Angels nor *Saints*, do in *his Kingdom* ſhare,
God is *Sole Monarch*, *They* but *Subjects* are:
Whoſe *Laws* are *ſuch*, as when they did *Rebell*,
Sequeſter'd not, but ſent *them* ſtrait to *Hell*.

3.

As *Old* as that *Paternal Soveraignty*
God plac'd in *Adam*, rul'd his *People* by;
Diſown'd by *None*, but them whoſe *Minds* aſpire,
And envy *ONE* ſhould have what *ALL* deſire:
For, be't a *Few*, or *Many* we live under,
Such ſhall *repine*, ſtill, whilſt not of the *Number*.

4.

The *Antients* did a *Monarchy* prefer,
Made all their *Gods* ſubmit to *Jupiter*:
And (when *Affairs* and *Nations* firſt began)
Princes Decrees were th'only *Laws* of *Man*;
Experience will avow it, where there's *Any*,
One Honeſt Man is ſooner found, than *Many*.

5.

The *Rational Soul* performs a *Prince*'s part,
She *rules* the *Body* by *Monarchick* Art;
Poor *Cranes*, and little *Bees* (with ſhiv'ring wings)
Obſerve their *Leaders*, and *Obey* their *Kings*:
Nature her ſelf, diſdains a *Crowded Throne*,
The *Body*'s *Monſtrous*, has more *Heads* than *One*.

6.

A *Monarchy*'s that *Politick ſimple State*,
Conſiſts in *Unity*, (inſeparate,
Pure and entire) a *Government* that *ſtands*,
When others *fall*, touch'd but with *Levelling hands*:
So *Natural*, and with ſuch *Skill* endu'd,
It makes *One Body* of a *Multitude*.

7.

In *Order* (wherein *later things* depend,
Or *former*) that's moſt *perfect* doth attend
On *Unity*: But this can never be
The *Pop'lar State*, nor *Ariſtocracy*;
For where or *All*, or *Many* bear the ſway,
Such *Order* to *Confuſion* leads the way.

8.

A *Monarchy* more quickly doth attain
The *End propos'd*; For 'tis the *ſingle Brain*
That *ripens Councel*, and concealeth beſt
Princely Deſigns, 'tis *Deeds* proclaim 'em *Bleſt*;
Whilſt *numerous Heads* are rarely of *one Mind*,
Slow in their *Motion*, *louder* than the *Wind*.

9.

Treaſon, nor *Fear*, ſo ſuddenly *divides*
Th'*United Strength* that in a *Crown* reſides;
Sedition proſpers not, it ſeldom *here*
Reſults the *Object* of a *Prince's Fear*:
Then when an *Empire*, *Rome* was ne're ſo *ſtrong*,
Nor *Triumph'd* under other *Rule* ſo *long*.

10.

A *Monarchy* abates thoſe *Feveriſh Fits*
Of *Emulation*, a *Free-State* begets;
A *Prince* cannot his *Reins* ſo quickly *ſlack*,
Or *throw* his *Burthen* on Another's *Back*:
But where ſo *many Rulers* have *Command*,
The *Work's transferr'd*, and *toſs'd* from *hand* to *hand*.

11.

The *People*, or the *Nobles*, to debate
The *deep Concernments* of a *Troubled State*,
Set Times and *Places* have aſſign'd *them*, *they*
Firſt *meet*, and then *adjourn* from *day* to *day*:
Whereas a *Monarch*, who by *Nature's One*,
Delib'rates always, never's *off* his *Throne*.

12.

But hold! methinks I ſee the *Three Eſtates*
Conven'd; Thrown open *Priſon doors* and *Grates*,
Extinct our *paltry Jealouſies* and *Fears*,
Grace offered to *All*, but *Cavaliers*
And *Papiſts!* yet with *patience* they abound,
In *hopes of better*, Now, the *Wheel* goes *Round*.

Monarchia à Monos Archôn; The *Rule* of *One Prince* or *Governour*, without a *Peer*, or the *Government* of *One Man* over *Many*, as in *England*, &c.

Britannia *ab initio Mundi ſemper fuit Regia, & Regimen illius ſimile ille Cœlorum.* Howell's Præd. Baſil.